

939 SEPARATE  
INDICTMENTSBrought Against Standard Oil  
Company and Others

## IN THE STATE OF OHIO

Formally Charged That They Are Members of a Trust for Conspiracy Against Trade—Fines of \$50,000 Possible.

Findlay, Ohio, Jan. 15.—The January panel of the Hancock county grand jury, which has been in session for the past week, reported last evening to Judge Schroth, who was temporarily occupying the bench of Judge Duncan. In the report are 939 separate indictments against the Standard Oil company of New Jersey; the Standard Oil company of Ohio; the Ohio Oil company; the Buckeye Pipe Line company; the Solar Refinery company; the Manhattan Oil company; John D. Rockefeller; John D. Archbold; H. H. Rogers; Wesley T. Ford; Frank G. Barstow; William Rockefeller; and E. T. Cuthbert. They are formally charged with being members of a trust for conspiracy against trade.

There are in the indictments a total of 452,975 words. Each case will be docketed separately and the county clerk and sheriff's office will be swamped for some months to come. Sheriff Groves and his deputies will begin at once to serve a copy of the indictment on each of the defendants.

If Hancock county wins in each case when they are tried fines can be assessed aggregating \$50,000,000. When the report of the grand jury was filed, Prosecutor David on his own motion nullified the indictments returned last September against John D. Rockefeller, M. G. Vilas, J. M. Robertson and H. P. McIntosh, the last three named being officials of the Standard Oil company of Ohio.

The indictments charge the Standard Oil company and its subsidiary companies with being members of a trust and combination of capital, skill and acts for the following purpose:

To establish restrictions in trade and commerce; to limit and reduce the production of petroleum and its products; to prevent competition in the production, sale and manufacture, transportation and rendering of petroleum and its products between themselves and others; to fix at a common standard figure the price of petroleum and its products to the public and the consumers.

The indictments are based on the Valentine anti-trust law of Ohio. The same individuals named in the indictments are charged with the same things as those alleged in the indictments against the Standard Oil company and subsidiary corporations.

FOUR FATALITIES  
IN TRAIN WRECK

While Several Passengers Were Injured in Head-on Collision at Walden, Mo., Last Night.

Kansas City, Jan. 15.—Two trainmen were killed and two were fatally injured last night in a wreck at Walden, Mo., caused by a head-on collision of a Rock Island passenger and a freight train. Several passengers were injured.

## BRYANS IN SNOW DRIFT.

"Billy J." and President Bryan Not Hurt Either.

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 15.—W. J. Bryan and President E. A. Brown of Washington State college were thrown into a snow bank yesterday when the train which they were driving ran away. Neither was hurt.

## BEHIND CLOSED DOORS.

Rutland Aldermen Get Heated Over the Fire Engine.

Rutland, Jan. 15.—The board of aldermen held a hot session behind closed doors in the office of the mayor last evening to decide the question of buying a new fire engine or having the present 40-year-old machine repaired. The fire committee, consisting of Mayor C. E. Paige and Aldermen Lator, Watkins and Brislin, split even on the question, and it was decided to put it up to the board. Lator and Brislin were in favor of a new engine. The vote was 6 to 4 in favor of repairing the old machine. The present engine, even when new, would not throw a sufficient stream to reach the top stories of Rutland's highest business blocks.

## Their Wedding Was Surprised.

Montpelier, Jan. 15.—The marriage of Miss Nellie A. Mitchell, daughter of James R. Mitchell, and Earl W. Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Williams, occurred on Sunday morning at Christ church at 9 o'clock, the Rev. A. N. Lewis performing the ceremony. The wedding came as a great surprise to all but the most intimate friends of the bride and groom. The participants were unattended and the ceremony was witnessed only by relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Williams left for a short trip to Boston and New York, after which they will go to Hartford, Ct. to reside. Mr. Williams travels in Connecticut and Massachusetts for the Post & Lester Co. of Hartford, dealers in automobile parts. While in New York he will be busy with a display at the automobile show by the company by which he is employed. The bride is a well known young lady of Montpelier, where she has a host of friends. For some time she has been employed as a clerk in the Gleason dry goods store.

## MOVE TO KILL RACE BETTING.

Jerome Favors Bill Before The Legislature.

New York, Jan. 15.—It is announced that District Attorney Jerome will go to Albany to present some amendments to the Percy-Gray gambling law which are designed to change certain sections of the penal code relating to bookmaking and betting on horse races. Mr. Jerome's plan is to make it a misdemeanor to accept bets on a horse race at race tracks, in a pool room, or at any other place. The effect would be, it is declared, materially to restrict or prohibit entirely horse racing in New York State. Mr. Jerome seeks to deliver a death blow to that section of the present law which says that the only penalty for bookmaking at the track shall be the recovery of the bet by a civil suit. In another bill he proposes to amend the penal code so as to make bookmaking at the track or any other place a misdemeanor instead of a felony. The punishment to be not more than one year in the penitentiary, or a fine of \$500 or both. The district attorney will also seek to change the law so that agricultural societies will not receive the speculative income from racing and have a fixed sum set apart by the state to cover approximately the amount now received by the various counties through racing. In addition, the proposed anti-racing legislation the district attorney will submit to the Legislature four other bills which have to do with the conduct of criminal trials. One concerns the plea of insanity by a defendant; another the introduction of the testimony of a witness at a trial who caused a produced a second trial, a third gives the power to a jury to adjudge a defendant insane without the appointment of a commission and a fourth makes it possible to extradite a person who disobeys a subpoena or who has left the jurisdiction of the court.

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DENY INTENTION  
OF A MARRIAGE

Friends of W. W. Astor, Expatriated American, Come Up to Defend Him in the Present Rumor.

London, Jan. 15.—Friends of William Waldorf Astor today deny the report that he will marry Sibyl, countess of Westmoreland, as soon as she secures a divorce from Lord Westmoreland.

While the earl and his wife had been estranged for several years, they had kept up an appearance of friendliness for the sake of their children. But an incident of last summer completed the rupture and hastened the arrangements for her supposed marriage to Mr. Astor. The countess appeared as a fashionable event in London wearing diamonds and other jewels that did not cost less than a million and a quarter of dollars.

The earl was white with wrath, for everyone in society was well aware that he could not afford to buy such expensive ornaments for his wife, and there were immediate inquiries and speculation as to where the jewels came from. It was soon whispered that Mr. Astor was the donor of the gift and that it was but the precursor of a formal separation between the earl and the countess and the marriage of Mr. Astor and the countess.

Another incident that set tongues wagging was the report by the countess at Christmas of a magnificent automobile, in which she now makes her calls. The fur she wears are at once the envy and the despair of all the women in London. Lord Westmoreland, who is about ten years the senior of the countess, keeps in retirement and refuses to discuss the matter.

This is not the first time that Mr. Astor, who has been a widower for several years, has been coupled in a matrimonial report with the name of a titled English woman.

## OPPOSE NEW EXCLUSION PLAN.

California Members Before The House Committee.

Washington, Jan. 15.—The House Committee on Foreign Affairs gave a hearing yesterday to representatives Kahn, McKinley and Hayes, all of California, the committee named by Pacific coast representatives to oppose efforts to modify the Chinese exclusion act and to work for a Japanese exclusion act. The Californians stated that they will fight vigorously the bill under consideration by the committee to amend the Chinese exclusion act by having inspection of Chinese at ports in China from which they sail, as well as in American ports where they land.

The Californians object to the bill chiefly because it is a revision of the act and they want any revision or change to be made by a new law. A bill, some other parts of a harness, and a sleigh were also missing. It was further learned that the horse at first supposed to have been burned in Mr. Anderson's barn had been taken out and led by an untrained road to Mr. Wells' place; it is thought that Mr. Kelso took the horse from the barn and accidentally or otherwise set fire to the buildings. Then he took the horse to Mr. Anderson and Herman Boyce have been following him for two days. There was a slight insurance on the buildings, but the loss is estimated at \$5,000.

## Looks Like Incendiary Fire.

Two barns, many farming tools, and six cows belonging to Skiff Anderson of Granby were burned Saturday morning. Bert Kelso has been working for J. L. Wells. Friday night he asked for an order to get some clothing at Gallup Mills, which Mr. Wells gave him. Kelso said he would be back early, so Mr. Wells kept a light for him until after eleven o'clock, but he did not return. The next morning it was found that he had thrown his valise from the chamber window, and walked around through the snow to get it. A little while after he was seen to enter the barn and a few minutes later a fire broke out. The fire was caused by a light which Mr. Wells had placed on his way toward Gallup Mills, stopping for the sleigh. Mr. Anderson and Herman Boyce have been following him for two days. There was a slight insurance on the buildings, but the loss is estimated at \$5,000.

## J. G. Erskine and Mark Goodell of Randolph were in town on business yesterday.

HIS LAST DAY  
IN THE NAVY

## Rear Admiral Charles D. Sigbee Retires To-morrow

## AFTER NOTABLE CAREER

He Is Best Known as Commander of the Ill-fated Maine, Although He Did Meritorious Service in the Civil War.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 15.—Rear Admiral Charles D. Sigbee closed his active career in the United States navy today. Tomorrow he reaches the age limit and will go on the retired list. Although he is best known as the commander of the ill-fated Maine, he distinguished himself in the service many years before the Spanish war. He was in both attacks upon Fort Fisher during the Civil war and was present at the famous battle of Mobile bay.

## HAS COPIES OF RARE BOOK.

S. W. Flinn Owner of Nathaniel Chipman's "Reports and Dissertations."

St. Albans, Jan. 15.—S. W. Flinn has in his library two copies of a rare book bearing the title "Reports and Dissertations." Nathaniel Chipman, chief justice of the supreme court of Vermont from 1786 to 1815, is the author, and in one part of his book has reported the cases determined in the supreme court of the state during the years 1789, '90, and '91. The second part contains dissertations on the state of the common law of England, the statute of conveyances, the statute of offenses, and a dissertation on the negotiability of notes. The book is of interest to the historically minded lawyer. It is interesting typographically also. An Anthony Hawell, of Rutland, printed the Flinn has been offered large prices for the book.

## WANT HALEY AGAIN.

Call Being Raised in Montpelier to Re-elect Him Mayor.

In Montpelier they are calling for the re-election of Mayor James S. Haley, on the ground that so many public improvements have been started under his administration that he should have the honor of seeing them completed. The proposed erection of the city hall building is the chief object considered, and Mayor Haley's friends are urging an unanimous re-election. It is said further, more that with less money to work with in the city treasury and a very satisfactory record in the past, the terms of Aldermen Gutchell in ward one, Broadford in ward two and Kinnons in ward three expire this year; also the terms of school commissioners James H. Kelliker, George O. Stratton and H. R. Wheelock. Lister Grout also finishes his term.

MASS. DEMOCRATS  
HAD NO CANDIDATE

When They Assembled This Afternoon to Elect a Successor to United States Senator Crane.

Boston, Jan. 15.—The Democrats went into the sessions of the Senate and the House this afternoon practically without a candidate for United States senator. While there is no doubt that Senator Crane will be chosen to succeed himself, there is considerable interest whether the minority members will divide their vote or at the last moment agree upon a candidate to receive an honorary vote.

Since the refusal of James B. Carroll of Springfield to accept the nomination of yesterday's caucus, it is believed that western Massachusetts Democrats may vote for Crane, and that others will comply with ex-Governor Douglas. Mayor Fitzgerald of Boston and perhaps others.

The action of the two legislative branches this afternoon will be ratified in joint session tomorrow.

## CASHED AT ST. JOHNSBURY.

Check on Which There Was a Forged Signature.

Claremont, N. H., Jan. 15.—Alexander Richards, the 14-year-old son of Frank Richards of this place, who is charged with stealing some blank checks from A. B. Levy, a roomer at his father's home, forging Levy's name to five aggregating \$50, which were returned to the Claremont National bank, upon which they were drawn, and was held under \$300 for trial at the next term of the superior court, to be held at Newport in May, yesterday came into court and changing his plea of not guilty to guilty, was sent to the industrial school at Manchester for the remainder of his minority.

Young Richards, who left here a week ago was traced through his trunk to a lumber camp in Monroe, in the northern part of the state, where he was captured by officer J. H. Ober, who found in his trunk three other forged checks amounting to \$65.

He was told that Richards had a check to which Levy's name was forged cashed at St. Johnsbury, Vt. Young Richards has recently served a term at the industrial school for breaking and entering.

## DIVORCES AMERICAN WIFE.

H. E. Arnold of London Gets Decree Against Former Chicago Girl.

London, Eng., Jan. 15.—H. E. Arnold was granted a divorce yesterday from his wife, Daisy Grace, formerly Miss Holman of Chicago, on the ground of misconduct. The couple were married in Indiana in 1904.

THOUGHT MAN DEMON  
IN LEAGUE WITH WIFE

So Manchester, N. H., Man Tried to Kill Her and Their Five Children—Overpowered and Taken to Jail.

Manchester, N. H., Jan. 15.—Alpheus Boizert, a French-Canadian, living at No. 25 Cedar street, this city, and an employee in the Stark cotton mills, tried to kill his wife and five small children, the oldest of whom is but five years, yesterday under the impression that a Loup-garou, or man-demon, was in his house and that his wife was in league with it.

Sunday night Boizert spent a great deal of time hunting through his house, armed with a long sharp knife, hunting the "house" superstitions. He accused his wife of being in league with the creature, which superstition says is a man changed into a wolf because of some crime.

Rising early yesterday he continued the hunt and finally, becoming frenzied, threw his wife from her bed which she was occupying with her baby which was less than a month old. He beat her and chased her out into the yard, flourishing the knife and threatening to kill her.

Then Boizert shouted that he was going to kill his wife and five children and that he would kill them all. He attracted the attention of his neighbors and the police were sent for. They came just in time for the man was charging through the house with his big knife.

He was overpowered and taken to the station, where he is being held for examination as to his mental condition. It is said that Boizert, who hovers his family here two years ago from Holyoke, Mass., has had this superstition of the demon haunting his house for at least a year. Frequently, it is said, he has dashed from his work and run all the way to his house, thinking that the loup-garou was there.

WAS FAMOUS TENOR  
IN EARLIER DAYS

Henry Squires, Born in Bennington, Died at Burlington, Iowa, at Age of 81 Years.

Bennington, Jan. 15.—News was received yesterday of the death in Burlington, Ia., of Henry Squires of this village of apoplexy, from which he suffered a shock last Friday. He was conscious to the end. Mr. Squires left last November to spend the winter there, as has been his custom for several years.

He was born in Bennington 81 years ago, one of nine children, two of whom are living. His father lived to be more than 70 years of age and his mother more than 90. He early developed a fondness for music which was a natural endowment, and he was fully known in Europe as he was in this country, and which was developed at home and by teachers.

He soon gained a wide reputation as a tenor singer and about 1855 went to Paris to complete his musical education. In that city he married a woman, like himself a singer.

They began to sing in the grand opera house there, and for years they were attached to that company. Mr. and Mrs. Squires returned to this country once, and while here sang before a large audience in Apollo hall in this village.

He remained in Paris until about 10 years ago when he was with his wife, he returned to this country and established himself in his old home town, dividing the time between Burlington and here. The news of the sickness was a surprise to every one here, where Mr. Squires was much esteemed.

He was a member of the Episcopal church and one of his last acts while here was to give \$1,000 toward the erection of a new edifice. He leaves no children. The body is expected to arrive here Thursday for burial.

In his career Mr. Squires was associated with many of the leading actors of his time and was fully known in Europe as he was in this country. The late Joseph Jefferson was a close friend. It is said of him that he was the first American to appear before an Italian audience in grand opera of that country and France. He lived 23 years in Paris and Naples.

AN ABSURD IDEA  
SAYS GEORGE W. PIERCE

Master of State Grange Denies That He Will Be Candidate For Governor of Vermont.

Battleboro, Jan. 15.—George W. Pierce of Battleboro, master of the state grange, was interviewed last night relative to the published report that he has his eye on the governorship for 1908, following the example of his predecessor, Charles J. Bell.

Mr. Pierce stated that he positively would not be a candidate for the office, and that the report was simply absurd.

Was a Fine Performance.

The Burlington Free Press says today of "The Gingerbread Man" which appeared in Burlington last night—"Burlington and Shan's fanciful farce, 'The Gingerbread Man,' taxed the capacity of that popular place of amusement and proved in every way one of the most enjoyable offerings of the season. It is a musical extravaganza with some delightful catches and music and elaborate scenic effects, and was presented last evening by a large company of prettily costumed women, with the required sprinkling of men, who could both sing and act. There is little plot, the lines serving only to introduce the songs and dances. Numbers which caught the fancy of the audience were 'Mazurka,' 'Beautiful Land of Bon Bon,' 'John Dough,' 'Old Bananas,' 'Every Little Something' and 'Moon, Moon, Moon.' This latter song served to introduce the most unique and beautiful feature of the evening. It was sung by Miss Winifred Florence as Little Jack Horner, when high above the darkened stage a glowing crescent moon, bearing a handsome girl, swung into view, singing an answer to the salutation of her worshiper. A soft, melodious refrain by the chorus added to the effectiveness of the scene.

WEAKENED  
TOWARD END

And Goddard Dropped Game To St. Johnsbury

BY SCORE OF 32 TO 25

Norwich Defeated Tufts College—Vermont Beaten by New Hampshire State—Company F Defeated Company F.

St. Johnsbury, Jan. 15.—St. Johnsbury academy opened the interscholastic league here last evening in a game with Goddard, seniority. Goddard led until the third period, when the academy boys won out, 32 to 25, in a grand finish.

Summary:  
ST. J. ACAD. GODDARD  
Spaulding, r. f. . . . . l. b. Berry  
Moore, l. f. . . . . r. b. Blake  
Barrett, c. . . . . e. Eastman  
Hooker, r. b. . . . . l. f. Heath  
Stone, l. b. . . . . c. Underwood  
Score, St. J. 32; Goddard 25; goals from floor, Berry 3, Underwood 2, Heath 2, Eastman 2, Stone, Spaulding 6, Moore 3, Barrett 4, Blake, Hooker; goals from fouls, Heath 5, Spaulding 2; referee, Heath of Barre; umpire, Heath of St. Johnsbury; time, three 15-minute periods.

## NORWICH BEAT TUFTS.

Fast Basket Ball Game Won by Home Team, 23 to 14.

Northfield, Jan. 15.—Last night at Army hall Norwich defeated Tufts college in basket ball, the score being 23 to 14, in the fastest game seen here this season. The game was played before 500 people, who were full of excitement from the start. The game though fast with many brilliant plays, was quite rough, and most of the roughness was by the Tufts players. The Tufts were faster on their feet and in passing were superior, but Norwich had the better eye for shooting. After the game dancing was enjoyed until twelve, music being furnished by Connell's orchestra.

## EASY FOR MONTPELIER.

Defeated the Northfield Militia Team, 26 to 7, Last Night.

In a swift game of basket ball in the Montpelier armory last evening, the company H team of that city defeated Company F of Northfield by the score of 26 to 7. Company H showed far superior in all departments of the game and in addition outweighted the visiting team. In blocking and passing the Northfield boys were good, but when it came to finding the baskets they were way behind their Montpelier opponents.

CO. H.  
Crapp, r. f. . . . . l. b. Langley  
Hill, l. f. . . . . r. b. Stewart  
Rolls, r. f. . . . . c. Keniston  
Reed, c. . . . . l. f. Kelly  
Wilkinson, l. b. . . . . r. f. Johnson  
Score, Co. H 26, Co. F 7; goals from floor, Buswell 3, Crapp 2, Hill 4, Reedette, Kelly, Johnson; goals from fouls, Buswell 3, Kelly 3; umpire, Park; time, 20-minute halves.

## WAS A ROUGH GAME.

New Hampshire State College Defeated Vermont 13 to 6.

Durham, N. H., Jan. 15.—In one of the roughest games ever played at the gymnasium, New Hampshire last night defeated Vermont by a score of 13 to 6. The summary:

NEW HAMPSHIRE VERMONT  
Rolls, r. f. . . . . l. b. Holcomb  
Kennedy, l. f. . . . . r. b. Hosmer  
Trucker, c. . . . . e. Collins  
Ryan, r. b. . . . . l. f. Rock  
Cone, l. b. . . . . r. f. Barlow  
Score, New Hampshire 13, Vermont 6; goals from the floor, Holcomb, Hosmer, Kennedy, Barlow; goals from fouls, Kennedy 3, Ryan 4; referee, Hosmer; time, 20-minute periods; attendance, 300.

## CRIBBAGE FOR JANUARY.

Schedule of Third Series Beginning on Wednesday, January 16.

The following is the schedule for the third series of the Barre Interfraternity Cribbage league:

Wednesday, January 16, R. M. and M. U. M. Tierney, referee.

Thursday, January 17, C. G. and R. M. J. Murray, referee.

Friday, January 18, F. O. A. and C. O. F. G. Cornack, referee.

Saturday, January 19, F. O. A. and R. M. P. McNulty, referee.

Sunday, January 20, C. G. and M. U. A. Robertson, referee.

Monday, January 21, C. O. F. and M. U. A. Robertson, referee.

Tuesday, January 22, C. O. F. and M. U. A. Robertson, referee.

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Thursday, January 24, C. G. and F. O. A. F. Oliver, referee.

Friday, January 25, R. M. and C. O. F. R. Baggie, referee.

Saturday, January 26, F. O. A. and M. U. G. Cornack, referee.

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IN RESPECT  
TO THE DEAD

Supreme Court Took Adjournment To-day

IN MEMORY OF J. P. LAMSON

Washington County Bar Association Met Last Night and Made Arrangements for the Funeral Tomorrow.

An adjournment of the Vermont supreme court was taken today out of respect to the memory of Joseph P. Lamson, a member of the bar so many years, yesterday at his home in Cabot after a short illness with pneumonia. The court came in after a brief recess from last week and began to hear the arguments in the Chittenden county Fidelity company case. At that point attorney John H. Senter asked permission to address the court and being granted permission he formally notified the judges of the death of Mr. Lamson, announcing that he appeared for State's Attorney Gates, who was detained at home because of illness.

In addressing the court Attorney Senter spoke very highly of his brother attorney as a trial lawyer. The response was given by Chief Judge Rowell, who thereupon declared the session adjourned until tomorrow.

A meeting of the Washington county bar association, of which Mr. Lamson had been a member for so many years, was held yesterday afternoon, at which time arrangements were made for the funeral which will be held at his late home in Cabot tomorrow (Wednesday) afternoon. J. H. Senter presided. It was voted that as many members as possible attend the funeral in a body. Committees were appointed as follows: on resolutions, S. Hollister Jackson, F. P. Carleton, M. E. Smiley; on transportation, G. W. Wing, H. C. Shurtliff, F. M. Marshall, A. G. Fay; on arrangements, J. H. Senter, Z. S. Stanton, A. G. Fay; on flowers, H. C. Shurtliff and L. C. Moody. It was announced that a memorial will be presented at the next meeting of the bar association.

J. P. Lamson was admitted to the Vermont bar 47 years ago in Lamolite county, coming soon after that to Washington county and making his home in Cabot.

## CALLEDONIA BAR.

Taken Action on the Death of Joseph P. Lamson.

St. Johnsbury, Jan. 15.—Caladonia county bar took action last night on the death of the Hon. Joseph P. Lamson, which occurred at his home in Cabot yesterday morning after a brief illness with pneumonia. Alexander Dunnett, Elisha May, Harland A. Howe, Walter P. Smith, Rolfe Seale and Robert W. Simonds were appointed a committee to represent the association at the funeral on Wednesday.

Court will adjourn over that day out of respect to the deceased, and presiding Judge George M. Powers and his associates will attend the funeral.